

MOTION ON NOTICE:

Tax Credits City Council: 23 November 2015



Tax Credits

Plymouth City Council opposes the cuts to Tax Credits announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer which, if implemented, would come into effect in April 2016. These cuts mean reductions in income to over 22,000 people in Plymouth, most of whom are already in employment, including self-employed people. On average, Plymothians receiving Tax Credits will be £1,300 worse off per year.

These brutal cuts, which will indiscriminately hit children of working families across our city, were not mentioned in the Conservative Party manifesto and were specifically denied by David Cameron during the General Election campaign. We also note that Plymouth's Conservative Members of Parliament Johnny Mercer, Oliver Colvile and Gary Streeter voted to impose these cuts on thousands of their constituents.

We resolve to oppose these cuts and request our Members of Parliament to vote against them when given the opportunity.

Proposed by Councillor Bill Stevens

Seconded by Councillor Chris Penberthy